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SUBJECT: FRG TO ADMIT 1,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS INFORMED US FORMALLY OF ITS DECISION TO ACCEPT 1,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THEIR RESETTLEMENT, THE FRG HAS REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HEALTH AND SECURITY CERTIFICATIONS. THE FRG MAY AT SOME FUTURE POINT CONSIDER ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN

OFFICE, DREHER, INVITED THE MINISTER TO CALL ON HIM ON DECEMBER 19 TO RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL FRG DECISION REGARDING THE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE FRG. DREHER REPORTED THAT THE CONFERENCE OF LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT 1,000 REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT 298 RESIDENCE PERMITS HAD ALREADY BEEN GRANTED, AND THAT THIS NUMBER (298) WAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE 1,000 TOTAL.

2. DREHER CONTINUED THAT THE FRG INTENDS TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO THOSE REFUGEES WHOSE RELATIVES ALREADY LIVE IN THE FRG OR WHO CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE SOME TYPE OF TIES HERE. ALSO, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO INDICATE TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THEIR DESIRE FORSETTLEMENT IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. ALL OF THOSE PERSONS INCLUDED ON THE LISTS PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN THE FRG. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS LISTED MAY HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS, THE FRG WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF US AUTHORITIES COULD NOTIFY EVERYONE ON THE LIST THAT HE OR SHE SHOULD APPLY FOR A VISA AT THE NEAREST FRG DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR REPRESENTATION. DREHER POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR VISAS, BUT nevertheless HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EVERYONE NOTIFIED SO THAT NO ONE IS OVERLOOKED.

4. DREHER CONTINUED THAT THE FRG WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP OF US AUTHORITIES IN EXPEDITING RESETTLEMENT PROCEDURES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE REQUESTED FIRST THAT REFUGEES OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE FROM A US PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY OR OTHER CONTRACT PHYSICIAN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS FREE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. SECOND, DREHER ASKED WHETHER AMERICAN AUTHORITIES COULD CONFIRM THAT THE REFUGEE WAS NOT A SECURITY RISK. ON THE SECOND POINT, THE MINISTER RESPONDED THAT THE LATTER REQUEST MIGHT POSE SOME PROBLEMS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE REFUGEE IN QUESTION.

5. DREHER EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG DECISION TO ADMIT 1,000 REFUGEES ALSO COVERED THOSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHO EXPRESS A DESIRE TO COME TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC EVEN IF THEY HAVE NO FAMILY OR OTHER BINDING TIES

IN THE FRG. DREHER ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE US TO ADVISE ANY SUCH PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO APPLY AT THE NEAREST COMPETENT FRG AUTHORITY IN THE AREA.

6. REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF THE REFUGEES TO THE FRG, DREHER ASKED WHETHER THE US COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING GROUPS OF REFUGEES. ANY GROUP OF TEN OR MORE PERSONS WHICH COULD BE ORGANIZED WOULD HELP THE FRG FACILITATE PROCESSING OF THE REFUGEES.

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7. AFTER THANKING DREHER FOR THE FRG DECISION TO
ACCEPT 1,000 REFUGEES GIVEN THE COMPETING DEMANDS FOR
POLITICAL ASYLUM BY OTHER GERMAN AND NON-GERMAN
REFUGEES AND THE CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE
FRG, THE MINISTER INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WAS A POSSIB-
ILITY THAT ADDITIONAL REFUGEES COULD BE ACCEPTED.
DREHER RESPONDED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY EXISTED, AND
THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEEK A
FURTHER DECISION FROM LAENDER AUTHORITIES REGARDING
THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL REFUGEES. HOWEVER,
DREHER EMPHASIZED THERE IS CURRENTLY NO INTENTION TO
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PROCEED IN THIS MANNER, BUT RATHER THAT THE FRG PREFERS
TO SEE HOW RECEPTION OF THE FIRST TRANCHE OF 1,000
WORKS OUT. SHOULD THERE BE A CONTINUING DEMAND FOR
RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG, THE FONOFF WOULD TRY TO BE
AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN SECURING ANOTHER FAVORABLE
DECISION.

8. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED REGARDING THE
FRG REQUEST FOR MEDICAL AND SECURITY CERTIFICATION
DISCUSSED IN PARA FOUR ABOVE. ALSO, PLEASE CONFIRM
THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST OF REFUGEES WILL BE
NOTIFIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY TO RESETTLE IN THE FRG.
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